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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of New Cost Recovery Mechanism and Portfolio of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Programs
Docket No. 2013-298-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and does not oppose, the request submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") in the above referenced Docket on February 23, 2018. The Company seeks approval from the Commission for modifications to its Power Manager Load Control Service- Rider PM ("Program").

The Company proposes to include eligible thermostats and related incentives and service charges, and allow DEC to issue incentive payments in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to, bill credits, checks, and prepaid credit cards.

DEC will seek recovery of applicable Program costs and utility incentives through its annual Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency ("DSM/EE") cost recovery rider, consistent with the DSM/EE cost-recovery procedures approved in Docket No. 2013-298-E.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-Mail)
Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-Mail)